

Today's News - May 12, 2005

Rather contentious news today... Are Ground Zero plans finally heading towards the last chapter? (Probably not...). – Working out the kinks in WTC memorial in an Ontario backyard. – It's modern vs. classical (with a bit of "galumphing" for historic U.K. hospital. – San Francisco called a theme park for "the nomadic rich and restless leeches living off them." – No, it's not. – French billionaire; cancels museum plans, taking his dream to Venice instead. – Big urban regeneration in Angeles City, Philippines with hopes for a Bilbao effect. – Former mining town in France finally builds Corbu's third church (40 years later) - with hopes for a Bilbao effect. – Alberta museum heading for a major makeover. – A "remarkable" auto design studio we'll never get to see. – College of New Rochelle building green for holistic wellness center. – Go Goff! – Great design doesn't happen in a day. – We couldn't resist: draftsman caught using his deceased boss's stamp (good news: the buildings won't fall down).

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[Childs Told To Straighten Out The Zero Mess: ...will do so without the direct participation of Daniel Libeskind...But can this be the last chapter? -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill](#)- New York Observer

[A Backyard Fountain Like None Before: A family in Ontario has the first full-scale model of what the World Trade Center memorial will look like in their backyard. -- Dan Euser Waterarchitecture; Michael Arad/Handel Architects; Peter Walker; Davis Brody Bond \[images/slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[Architects clash on £20m update for Wren's historic hospital: On one side stands Lord Rogers of Riverside, acclaimed for his adventurous modernist buildings...On the other is Quinlan Terry, a contemporary classicist who is the Prince of Wales's favourite architect. \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Sprawling, galumphing design lacks deference to brilliant predecessors: Quinlan Terry should find a way of doffing his imaginary three-cornered hat in the direction of Wren's serene masterpiece, and Soane's gallant deference to it. By Jonathan Glancey](#)- Guardian (UK)

[The ephemeral city: San Francisco has lost its middle class, become a 'theme park for restaurants,' and is the playground of the nomadic rich and restless leeches living off them. By Joel Kotkin](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[The city isn't Disneyland -- that's just goofy: ...after reading Joel Kotkin's sniffish dismissal of San Francisco as an "ephemeral city" ...He's absolutely right, and he totally misses the point. By John King](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Billionaire Cancels Plan for \[\\$195 million\] Museum Near Paris -- Tadao Ando](#)- New York Times

[I had a dream: Pinault has renounced his plans to build a great museum of modern art...in south-west Paris. Here he explains why he is taking his collection to Venice instead. -- Tadao Ando; Michel Macary](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Top architect to design Fields Avenue: ...gearing towards a program to bring about urban regeneration in \[Angeles City\] to make it more attractive to tourists and foreign investors. - Felino "Jun" Palafox](#)- SunStar (Philippines)

[Le Corbusier, by design: the church of Saint-Pierre de Firminy, celebrated its topping out ceremony late last month, more than 40 years after its conception...former mining town hoping for a bit of that rare "Bilbao effect..." -- José Oubrière](#)- International Herald Tribune

[Alberta museum to get \\$150M revamp, new name -- Cohos Evamy Architecture; Lundholm Associates Architects](#)- CBC (Canada)

[Automake Design Structure: Out of sight: Nissan's new studio is remarkable, but the public will never see it. -- Luce et Studio; Albert Kahn Associates](#)- Detroit Free Press

[College of New Rochelle to Build \\$25 Million Interdisciplinary Center Dedicated to Wellness Education: ...will be a "Green" building, eligible for a silver LEED... -- Ikon.5 Architects \[link to image\]](#)- Yahoo News

[Goff walls: Triangles! Octagons! Circles! Public can finally see architect's vision inside three area homes \(all in great shape\) \[link to slide show\]](#)- Kansas City Star

[Rome \(or your bathroom\) wasn't designed in a day: To begin with, architects don't pull lovely, fully formed designs out of nowhere, fairy tales about Frank Lloyd Wright notwithstanding. By Arrol Gellner](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[The case of the busy, deceased architect: Draftsman fined for designing 28 buildings while allegedly pretending to be his dead former boss](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Build Business: Client Loyalty -- What You Don't Know Could Hurt You. By Stephanie Craft, CPSM](#)

-- Inauguration: Gehry Partners: MARTa Herford, Herford, Germany: Photos:Thomas Mayer
-- Construction start: UN Studio: Lelystad Theater, Lelystad, The Netherlands

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